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Dear Professor Aliyev,

We, the executive committee of the International Society for Photosynthesis Research, hereby provide our support for a meeting on photosynthesis to be held in Baku in May 2013. Prof. John Golbeck and I both took part in the meeting that you held in Baku in 2011 and we found it to be an excellent scientific meeting.

As you may be aware, because of the proximity in time of this meeting to the flagship congress of our society, which takes place later in the summer in St Louis, we initially had reservations concerning the timing of your meeting. However after some discussion with the organisers of the congress and with the shift to the earlier date, we can now provide our unanimous support for your meeting in Baku.

We feel that this is a great opportunity to foster knowledge of our subject in your region, to bring in international scientists together, and to encourage bright young scientists from your country to engage in research in this important field.

We understand from Prof. James Barber that the occasion will also be used to celebrate your birthday and your excellent contributions to the field. On this occasion then we take this opportunity to provide our congratulations to you both for your birthday and for your important contributions to the field over the course of your remarkable career.

Yours sincerely,

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